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Of the Right Honourable the

Lords Spiritual and Temporal

In Parliament Assembled,

Presented to

HIS MAJESTY

On *Wednesday* the Fourteenth Day of *January*, 1729.

WITH

His MAJESTY's

MOST GRACIOUS

ANSWER.

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ORdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Aſſembled, That the Addreſs of this Houſe, preſented to His Majeſty, and His Majeſty's moſt Gracious Anſwer thereunto, be forthwith Printed and Publiſhed.

Wm Cowper,
Cler' Parliamentor.

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Die Martis 13 Januarii.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, do beg leave to return the humble Thanks of this House for Your Majesty's most gracious Speech from the Throne.

We humbly congratulate Your Majesty upon Your safe and happy Arrival in this Kingdom, and are deeply sensible, that nothing could in any degree alleviate the Loss we must ever suffer by Your Majesty's Absence from us, but the prudent and happy Administration of the Government by the Queen, in the most critical Conjuncture of Affairs, under Your Majesty's Authority, and by Your great Example.

We want Words to express our Joy and Gratitude in congratulating Your Majesty on Your having concluded an absolute Peace with the Crown of *Spain*; and when we reflect upon the tender and anxious Concern Your Majesty has shewn, during the whole course of the late uncertain State of Affairs in *Europe*, we cannot but look upon this happy Event as a publick Reward from Heaven for Your Majesty's Love of Your People.

The earnest Desire of Your Majesty to prevent the Miseries and Confusion unavoidable in War (the Events of which are far removed from all human Foresight, even under the Conduct of the greatest Princes) and at the same time Your Steadiness and Resolution in continuing the necessary Preparations, joined with a perfect Union and mutual Fidelity between Your Majesty and Your Allies, have at last surmounted all Difficulties that stood in the way of our Happiness.

An Alliance built upon the Foundation of former Treaties, and rendring more effectual what the Contracting Powers in the Quadruple Alliance were before obliged to perform; the confirming all former Conventions made with *Spain* in favour of our Trade; the stipulating a just and ample Restitution and Reparation for unlawful Seizures and Depredations; and in general, the Re-establishment and Guaranty of all Rights, Privileges, and Possessions in any manner belonging to Your Majesty, or Your Allies, without any Concession being

being made to the Prejudice of Your Majeſty, or Your Subjects, are Conditions intirely agreeable to the true Intereſt of *Great Britain*, equal even to thoſe we might have expected after a proſperous War, as the Fruits of Victories, if Your Majeſty's unwearied Labours for Peace had been unſucceſsful.

We have the greateſt reaſon to believe, that a general Pacification will be the Conſequence of this happy Beginning; for Your Majeſty, having no Ambition but to defend the Honour and Rights of this Nation, to ſee our Trade flouriſh, and to reign over a happy and willing People, is ever averſe to War: And, on the other ſide, ſo juſt a Cauſe, ſupported by the united Strength of ſo many conſiderable Allies, joined in Intereſt for the Tranquillity of *Europe*, will incline other Powers to Peace. This, we hope, will produce an univerſal Approbation of the preſent Engagements. But as Your Majeſty's firſt Care has been to conſult the immediate Intereſts of theſe Your Kingdoms, preferable to any other Conſiderations, and at the Hazard of all other Events; if, contrary to Expectation, and in Reſentment of theſe Meaſures, any new Troubles ſhould be raiſed in *Europe* to oppoſe or diſappoint the Execution of them, the ſame Juſtice, Gratitude, and Honour, which have hitherto influenced us, muſt make us exert ourſelves to the utmoſt to ſupport and aſſiſt Your Majeſty.

Your Majeſty, by the immediate Reduction of a great Number of Your Land Forces, and the laying up a great Part of the Fleet, has ſhewed how unwilling You were to ſuffer any Time to intervene between the Concluſion of the Peace, and letting Your Subjects ſee the happy Effects of it. This lays the ſtrongeſt Obligation upon us to place the greater Truſt and Confidence in Your Majeſty, when we find by Experience, that our Military Preparations are made only when the Publick Neceſſities call upon Your Majeſty to defend Your Kingdoms, and are laid aſide the very inſtant that our Safety will admit of it.

The Unanimity among our ſelves, which Your Majeſty is graciouſly pleaſed to recommend to us, is one of the leaſt Returns we ought to make for theſe Bleſſings procured for Us; Your Majeſty has compleated the Wiſhes of all Your good Subjects, and the Deſpair of the bad; You have obviated all the groundleſs Cavils and Clamours, which even Malice it ſelf could invent; ſo that the Inſinuations of any inconſiderable Remnant of Faction, which may be yet in being, will have as little Appearance of Veracity abroad, as of Duty, Loyalty, or Love of their Country, at home; and will ſerve only to excite us all to act with the greateſt Zeal and Harmony, ſo as to make Your Government as eaſy and happy for Your Majeſty, as it is for us.

His MAJESTY's moſt Gracious ANSWER.

My Lords,

I Thank you for this Dutiful and Loyal Addreſs. I doubt not but My Subjects will reap great Advantage from the Treaty concluded with Spain; and a faithful Execution of all that is ſtipulated in their Favour, ſhall be My principal Care; to which nothing will contribute more effectually, than the ſtrong and affectionate Aſſurances you give Me of your Support and Aſſiſtance, in caſe any Powers ſhould, in Reſentment of the Meaſures I have taken, endeavour to raiſe new Troubles.

FINIS.